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## SCHOOL BOARD WILL HAVE A SPECIAL SESSION

**Hugh B. Craig Will be Suggested For the Chair of Science.**

**Better Sidewalks Demanded For Some of Buildings.**

### INSPECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The school board will meet tonight at the High school in special session. A number of matters will be before the board. The report of the committee appointed to inspect the sanitary condition of the school buildings will be presented, and it is probable that the board will order a concrete floor in the basement of the Jefferson school. A night school will be discussed, but it is not probable that the board will take any action tonight on the establishment of the school.

Superintendent Carnegie will submit the name of Hugh B. Craig, of Shippensburg, Pa., as a successor to Prof. W. T. Evans as teacher in science and instructor in athletics. Mr. Craig is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State college, and is recommended by the board to ratify the recommendation of the superintendent.

The question of better sidewalks in the vicinity of several of the school buildings will be brought up, and the board doubtless will send a letter to the council asking for the improvement of the sidewalks. On some streets the children are obliged to walk on unimproved streets near the schools and an effort will be made to have them placed in better condition.

### FUNERAL RITES

**Held at Hopkinsville For John C. Latham.**

Hopkinsville, Ky., Aug. 23.—The funeral of the late John C. Latham, of New York, took place this afternoon. Hundreds of citizens, standing with bared heads as the body was placed in its last resting place in Hopkinsville's beautiful city of the dead, paid silent and sorrowful homage to the memory of the distinguished financier and philanthropist and their former townsman. It was one of the largest funerals in the history of the city, and none has been marked by such universal grief for the community felt that in the casket lay all that was mortal of its best and most generous friend.

The floral tributes were innumerable and magnificent, many costly designs having been sent by business firms and associates in New York and other cities, while scores of others attested the affection of friends here. The hearse was entirely covered by a great pall of lovely blossoms furnished by the city of Hopkinsville, and the mausoleum was nearly hidden under a wilderness of fragrant flowers. The cortege extended many blocks. In front as an escort was the local military company, which had often been the beneficiary of Mr. Latham's liberality, and included numerous hacks and carriages, together with Ned Moriwether camp, United Confederate veterans, in a body.

## I. C. PICNIC

**Will Be Given Soon for the Road Employees.**

Either August 31 or September 4 will be the date for the annual picnic of the employees of the Illinois Central railroad. It is understood that Superintendent Egan has granted the employees the use of equipment for next Tuesday, but many of the employees want the picnic on Saturday, and better satisfaction all the way around would be had by having the outing at Cerulean Springs a week from next Saturday. Besides there is a rush of work on at the shops, and Master Mechanic Nash wants to get all the equipment out this month if possible. The date for the picnic will be settled in a few days and the employees held a mass meeting at noon to make the arrangements for the day's sport.

### CHICAGO'S NEW CHIEF OF POLICE TAKES CHARGE TODAY

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Leroy T. Stewart, the new police chief, was installed today.

## Mrs. Sarah Luftenburg Trips Over Oil Lamp Which Ignites Her Dress Causing Death Few Hours Later

**She is Horribly Burned While Getting Son's Breakfast and Lingers Until 11 O'clock This Morning.**

Horribly burned into a crisp over the entire body by an overturning coal oil stove at 5:30 o'clock this morning, Mrs. Sarah Luftenburg, aged 73 years, of 614 Fountain avenue, died six hours later. The flames, setting fire to her skirt, enveloped her and before help could reach her every article of clothing she wore had been burned off. The skin on her arms, limbs and body peeled off while her head and face were badly burned.

Medical aid was summoned as quickly as possible, but in spite of the efforts to save her life she succumbed, breathing her last at 11 o'clock. The physicians said it was the worst case of burning they had dealt with and there were no hopes for her from the start.

Mrs. Luftenburg lived with her son, Edward Luftenburg, a boiler-maker at the Illinois Central railroad shops. She arose every morning about 5 o'clock to prepare breakfast and as customary she got up early this morning. After dressing she went into the kitchen and lit the coal oil stove. Turning around she started for the pantry when her skirt is supposed to have caught in the stove, pulling it over. The fire ignited the bottom of the skirt and Mrs. Luftenburg, unaware of the danger continued on her way. The flames crept rapidly over her and in a twinkling she was completely enveloped. She screamed at the top of her voice and Mr. Charles Thompson, who lives next door, heard her and rushed over to her house. He was the first to reach her and by the time he reached the kitchen she had fallen unconscious to the floor, fatally burned. Every part of her body had been burned to a crisp. He extinguished the fire by dashing the water in a dishpan on her.

Efforts were then made to revive her and Mrs. H. T. Haessig and Horace Rivers were called. She regained consciousness later, but medicines were applied to allay her sufferings. She was not able to explain the accident. Her body was swathed in bandages and all possible relief given. Her hair was badly scorched, her eyebrows burned off and her face horribly disfigured.

Mrs. Luftenburg was born in Germany in 1836 and in early life came to this country with her parents. She was the wife of John Luftenburg, a well known harnessmaker, who died about five years ago. She had resided in Paducah for 50 years and was a well known member of the Presbyterian church. Although she was advanced in age she was very active and healthy.

She leaves two daughters and five sons, as follows: Mrs. John Ruby and Mrs. Rosa Burton, of this city; Messrs. Charles, Edward and Neel, of Paducah; William Luftenburg, of Des Moines, Ia., and Henry Luftenburg, of Mississippi. Her other sons reside here.

Telegrams were forwarded to Messrs. William and Henry Luftenburg and the remains will be held until their arrival. The funeral will probably be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 and burial will be at Oak Grove cemetery.

### MINNESOTA SHERIFF HOT IN PURSUIT OF BANK ROBBERS.

Karlstad, Minn., Aug. 23.—Sheriff Anderson, of Kition county, and the northwest mounted Canadian police are hot on the trail of the bandits who robbed the safe of the bank here of \$1,500 in gold at the rifle point. They were seen by the state druggist on Roseau river, while crossing Great Roseau swamp in a skiff the afternoon of the robbery. It is believed they were trying to reach the Manitoba border.

## ANOTHER ROAD

**Surveying Across the River Near Golconda Supposed to Be the Wabash.**

A gang of laborers, said to be working under the direction of an engineer of the Wabash railroad, have cleared off a right of way near Golconda, Ill., and according to reports the railroad will run to Metropolis and cross over the Burlington bridge. The workmen have cleared the right of way a distance and have burned it clean. Engineers have been running surveys around Golconda for some time.

### BLOODY STREET BATTLE.

**Young White Men Slashed With Razors By Negroes—Three Sent to Hospital.**

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 23.—A bloody street battle between prominent white youths and negroes on a street car today resulted in confining Victor Von Borries, Lee Hall and Edward Prince, son of the comptroller of the Atlantic Coast Line, in the hospital. Prince and Von Borries were dangerously cut by the negroes with razors and may not recover.

## PROFFESOR SMITH WILL MAKE RACE

**ANNOUNCES FOR COUNTY COURT CLERK AS AN INDEPENDENT.**

**He Proposes to Establish a Business System of Accounting For the Office Records.**

Professor John D. Smith has decided to enter the race for county court clerk, as an independent. A call was made on him through the Sun Saturday and today he sends in the reply below. Professor Smith is one of the best known men in the city. At one time he was the head of a very successful business college, which brought him in touch with many of the people in the city and county, but he retired a few years ago to devote all of his time to his duties as an expert accountant. He was employed by the fiscal court to make an investigation of the records of the county court clerk, following Hiram Smedley's shortage, and the publication of his report showed a deplorable condition of affairs.

**Professor Smith's Card.**  
I take this method of replying to the many requests made upon me publicly and privately to become a candidate for the office of clerk of the McCracken county court.

After due consideration of the subject and after consultation with many friends—citizens of the city and county who are directly interested in the conduct of the affairs of this office, I have concluded to enter the race for the office of county court clerk of McCracken county, and earnestly and respectfully solicit the votes of all citizens of McCracken county at the regular election in November, 1909.

At present, I shall only say that if I shall be chosen by the people of McCracken county to fill said office, I shall bring to the discharge of the duties thereof all the ability I possess and diligently endeavor to establish a system of accounting that will rebound to the best interest of the county against annoyance and loss because of errors and failures of all kinds in the management thereof. Hoping soon to be able to set forth more fully my views and claims in regard to these matters, I am,

Very respectfully,  
JOHN D. SMITH,  
Expert Accountant.

## WALKS OFF TRAIN

**CLAUDE PARKS, OF IOLA, SUFFERS PECULIAR ACCIDENT SATURDAY.**

Suffering with concussion of the brain, Claude Parks, a young farmer from Iola, was brought to the Riverside hospital Saturday night. His condition was serious, but today he was resting easy, and it is thought he will recover. As the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis train slowed down for the stop at Elva, Parks walked off the rear coach. He fell on his head, and was picked up and brought to Paducah for treatment. It is said Parks thought another coach was on the train, and stepped from the coach to the ground. Parks is about 20 years old.

### SEVEN MILLION POPULATION PREDICTED FOR NEW YORK.

Controller Mest Claims the City's Growth Will Attain Those Figures in Ten Years.  
New York, Aug. 23.—In a magazine article Herman A. Metz, comptroller of Greater New York, declares that in 1920 the population will be nearly seven million. He says there is forty times the population here now that there was a hundred years ago, while the rest of the country has increased only fifteen fold.

## SPANISH SHIP GOES DOWN ON THE SEA ROCKS

**The Seirakba, With Crew of 26 Sinks in Storm Last Night.**

**Quiet at Pittsburg Today With Police in Control**

### 23 PRISONERS WERE IN JAIL.

London, Aug. 23.—Despatches today from Ushant say the Spanish steamship Sierakba was wrecked on the rocks during a storm, and all the crew of 26 drowned. Another report of the sinking of the Dutch sailing ship Wottille, with her crew, off Cape Verde Islands has been received here.

Pittsburg, Aug. 23.—The streets of Schoonville are practically deserted today, except for the constabulary, who patrol constantly. Every person attempting to enter the town is being stopped and questioned by the constabulary. Twenty-three persons are in a box-car jail. All were arrested during rioting. A canvass of the strikers' homes has been begun to ascertain the injured and confiscate fire arms.

### MARSHAL SHELLEY WANTS FIVE MEN INTERCEPTED

A long distance telephone message was received by the police last night from Marshal Joe Shelby, of La Center, asking the police to watch out for five men who are alleged to have seriously cut a woman at Barlow last night. The names given in were: Charles Seat, Tom Futrell, Aubrey Stratton, Charles Stratton and T. Jones. The men are said to have boarded an Illinois Central passenger train at Barlow after a difficulty and on reaching La Center skipped out. They are believed to have headed for this city.

### GUY LOCKWOOD HAS NARROW ESCAPE SATURDAY.

Mr. Guy Lockwood, a young Paducahan, was heroically rescued from the bottomless pit at Dixon Springs, Ill., Saturday afternoon by his chum, Louis Petter. The young men were out with a party climbing the rocks and beholding the beautiful scenery when Mr. Lockwood got too near the lake's edge and went splashing in. He came up and was pulled out by Mr. Petter. Apart from a good bath he was uninjured.

### GEO. LEHNHARD ASSAULTED ON THE DICK FOWLER

Attacked by several men, George Lehnhard, who was special police officer on the steamer Dick Fowler, was beaten over the head yesterday soon after the boat left Cairo. The men are said to have been drinking and Lehnhard was quieting them when they became angry and fought him knocking him down and striking him about the head.

### JUDGE LIGHTFOOT APPOINTS THREE PROSECUTORS TODAY

Green Bennett, Pat Ross, and John Craig were appointed prosecutors this morning in county court by County Judge R. T. Lightfoot. The duties of the officers are to settle disputes regarding the division of land in the county. The officers will hold for four years, and they act in co-operation with the county surveyor.

### CLEVE STORY'S HOME AT LITTLE CYPRESS, AFIRE

Little Cypress, Aug. 23.—The roof of the house of Cleve Story caught fire last night, but quick work of the bucket brigade saved the residence a big damage.

### Benton Downs Paducah.

Benton won from an independent team composed of Chess, Checker and Whist club and Elk players yesterday afternoon at Benton. The score stood 5 to 2.

## Chicago Market.

Sept.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat	99 3/4	97 3/4	98 1/2
Corn	66 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Oats	37 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
Provisions	22.40	22.30	22.40
Lard	11.97	11.90	11.97
Ribs	11.75	11.65	11.67

**THE WEATHER.**  
The weather forecast today is fair tonight and Tuesday increasing cloudiness. The lowest today was 63 while the highest was only 90.

## My! Here's a Roast For Joe Cannon

Elizabeth, N. J., Aug. 23.—A sensational attack is made on Cannon today in an open letter addressed to him by Representative Charles N. Fowler, of Elizabeth, N. J., former chairman of the house committee on banking and finance. Cannon refused to reappoint him again since he was prominent as an insurgent following is a part of the text of the letter:

"Do you suppose I had not appreciated the consequences of my act when I undertook to secure a reform of the banking laws? That I was ignorant of your prejudice, ignorance, inordinate conceit, favoritism and putrid preferences. Like all possessing absolute powers, malice is the mainspring of your every action. You opposed my plan to avert the panic of 1907, saying it was tommyrot. You are responsible for the new tariff."

"The banking bill, written by some of the foremost bankers in the country, provided for \$250,000,000 credit currency which could have averted 1907 panic, was sneered by you." This is your record, and I challenge you to find a single living man with so rotten a one. It is a record of ignorance or political cowardice or a disgraceful hybrid of both."

After accusing Cannon of packing the conference committee against the tariff bill, he says "I have studied these details to bare your miserable, contemptible false pretenses and expose your duplicity, treachery and perfidy to that body over which you presided, whose bill was pledged to defend, not to destroy. You tried to discredit it, the president and his promises through your schemes. An intelligent criminal lawyer would say it is conspiracy. If the Republican party wins the next congressional election it will be undoubtedly upon the grave of Cannonism."

## Building of Burlington Starts Paducah Boom

The building of the Burlington is going to give a great big impetus to every line of activity in Paducah, and Paducah is going to benefit from it as much as any one. Officials for the road are seeking Paducah contractors to get them to build many of the concrete bridges the road will have to throw across the ditches and it is probable that a prominent Paducah contractor will get all of this character of work.

The company will expend quite a sum in terminals in Paducah, and the present plans are to buy enough property to take care of the needs of

## OUTWIT PARENTS

Miss Elsie Langston and Evender Mitchell Elope to Fulton.

Outwitting her parents by slipping out from her home at night, Miss Elsie Langston, a pretty little blond, and Evender Mitchell, a young farmer of the New Hope neighborhood, left Paducah this morning at 6:30 o'clock for Fulton, to have the knot tied. Miss Langston's parents objected to her marriage because of her age as she is only seventeen years old, but she was determined to marry the man of her choice. Last night at midnight everything was arranged and Mitchell met her at the gate after she had slipped through the room of her parents.

The couple drove to Paducah, but missed train No. 193 and they were obliged to wait until 6:30 o'clock before the start for Fulton could be made.

## Paducah Was Almost Summer Resort Sunday

Paducah was almost a summer resort Saturday night and Sunday. All that was lacking to make it such was a bit of lake or sea beach, and a little surf.

And maybe it was not desirable and enjoyable in the extreme. Folk could sit in the house and read, and those who wanted to motor or drive or take any sort of out door diversion, found it delightful. The park was thronged; automobiles were out all day, and the faithful Dobbins were out in droves, and suffered none from their exertions.

## STROUD SURRENDERS

**TODAY TO MARSHALL COUNTY AUTHORITIES ON MURDER CHARGE.**

Benton, Ky., Aug. 23.—(Special) —James Stroud, who killed Ewell Pace with a baseball bat, surrendered to the Marshall county officers today, and counsel has been engaged to defend him in his trial. Stroud has been near his home since the murder, although he was not arrested. A hard battle in the courts is expected, as the Pace family has employed counsel to assist the commonwealth in the prosecution.

## ROOSEVELT BRINGS DOWN BIG BULL ELEPHANT TODAY

**The Greatest Wish of His Trip Has Been Fulfilled at Last.**

**Former President Was Alone When He Made the Shot.**

### TO THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE

Nairobi, Aug. 23.—At last Roosevelt has accomplished his one great desire of his hunting trip. He got his first elephant today. It is a bull and is a fine specimen, that will be greatly appreciated by the Smithsonian Institute which is to get most of Roosevelt's trophies. The former president was alone today when he bagged his biggest game and he has been busy receiving the congratulations of the other members of his party.

### Forest Fires About Out.

Nelson, B. C., Aug. 23.—Forest fires about here are dying down this afternoon and the danger is believed passed. The government's fire warden were helped by the dying down of the wind.

### Washington Forest Fires Spread.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 21.—The forest fire near the borders of the Coeur d'Alene reserve tonight was spreading through the fir and tamarack and sweeping a path five miles wide across a thinly settled region northeast of the reservation.

### HARRIMAN ABLE TO GO ON DECK OF SHIP TODAY

On board Kaiser Wilhelm II, via Halifax (by wireless) — Harriman came on deck today for the first time since he sailed from Cherbourg Wednesday, having been confined to his cabin. He already shows the good effects of Struempel's prescribed diet.

### FREE-FOR-ALL FIGHT ON CAIRO TRAIN YESTERDAY

A free-for-all fight occurred at Barlow last night, according to reports that reached Paducah. About 20 young men were on the train that left Cairo for Paducah, and they became disorderly, but the train crew prevented trouble. When Barlow was reached the men got off, and a general melee followed. Everybody was fighting, and some were stripped of clothes. Several are said to have been armed with knives.

## A MAD DOG

**Terrorizes the Neighborhood at Tenth and Madison Sunday.**

After terrorizing the neighborhood at Tenth and Madison streets and then being shot twice by residents, a mad dog suddenly disappeared yesterday evening shortly after 6 o'clock. The dog was noticed acting strangely and began running amuck and foaming at the mouth. Children were frightened into their homes and several dogs and cats are said to have been victims of the mad dog's teeth.

It was reported that a negro woman had been bitten by the dog, but this could not be determined. Ola Hardison, a nearby resident, securing a revolver went in pursuit after the canine and was joined by W. J. Porrett, a night watchman for the Hardy Buggy company. Over a dozen shots were fired at the dog and two took effect. The dog, apparently unhurt, continued his pace and soon sulked under a house. He was chased from beneath and later disappeared, doubtless having sulked off to die.

### PADUCAH FIRM LOSES MEXICO PLANT.

**Sutherland Medicine Company's Monterey Branch Burns Saturday Night.**

A fire at Monterey, Mexico, Saturday night that caused the loss of a million and a half of property, destroyed the building of Brommer & company, distributors for the Sutherland Medicine company of this city, and in whose building the Paducah company had a branch plant. The Sutherland Medicine company's loss will be \$10,000, and this is fully covered by insurance. Theo. Metcalfe, chemist for the company, was in Monterey at the time and wired the information here. Mr. Percy Paxton will leave for Monterey Thursday to adjust the loss.